

225 three sea lions are a great load for their boats; and, as it is
502 esteemed dishonourable to leave any game which they have
 caught, they sometimes so overload their boats, that, though
 they are very expert in the management of them, they and
 their game go to the bottom together. In these vessels they
 go to the desert island *Alaide*, which lies out at sea about
 thirty miles, and are sometimes carried four, five, and even
 eight days without seeing any land, exposed to the cold of these
 climates; and without any compass, they return to their habi-
 tations by observing the sun or moon.

237 Of the skins of the sea lion they make cords, shoe-soles, and
136 shoes. The female has two, three, and sometimes four young
 ones. They couple in the months of *August* or *September*; and
 are pregnant about ten months, as they generally bring forth
 their young about the beginning of *July*. The male treats the
 female with great tenderness, not like the sea cat, but by
 fondness endeavours to gain her affection. Both male and
 female seem to take very little care of their young, frequently
 stifling them under their paws as they suck; nor do they shew
136 any concern at seeing them killed before their eyes. The young
 are not lively nor full of play, like most other young animals;
 but are almost continually asleep. Towards the evening the
 male and female swim out to sea with their brood, but not far
 from the shore. The young climb upon the mother's back,
 and rest themselves; the male in the mean time playing about
 tosses the lazy puppies into the water, to oblige them to learn to
 swim. Some of them have been thrown into the sea, but instead
 of swimming away they hasten again to land. They are
 twice as large as the young of the sea cat. Although these
 animals naturally run from a man, yet it has been observed that
 they are not always so wild; particularly when their young have
 scarcely learned to swim. Mr. *Steller* lived six days in a high
 place amongst whole herds of them, and out of his hut saw
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